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SUBJECT: FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS

DURING A CONVERSATION WITH BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, WE ASKED WHETHER ANY PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD PATCHING UP FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS DURING JOBERT'S TRIP TO BONN LAST WEEK, A TRIP ON WHICH BRUNET ACCOMPANIED HIM. BRUNET REPLIED THAT HE WAS AFRAID NOT. HE SAID THE RESENTMENT RAN VERY DEEP ON BOTH SIDES. HE SAID THAT THE GERMANS HAD PLEADED WITH THE FRENCH NOT TO FORCE THE FRG INTO THE POSITION OF HAVING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE U.S. THEY SAID THAT THEY HOPED THAT AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS OF LIVING TOGETHER IN SUCH INTIMACY, THE FRENCH UNDERSTOOD THAT GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY RESTED ON TWO PILLARS - EUROPE AND THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. BRUNET GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THESE ARGUMENTS HAD SWAYED JOBERT.STONE

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